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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MELTING DOWN METAL-  
CONTAINING MATERIALS

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response to the Final Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 16, 2005 along with a Request for Continued Examination. A petition for a one month extension of time is filed herewith along with the associated fee pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 16, 2005.

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